

increase the research effort by diverting more research dollars to prostate cancer.

We must end the public embarrassment about a disease that has already taken the lives of several of our colleagues and that will affect many more of us in the future. We need to make men more aware of what this disease can do and what they must do to protect themselves. I believe my bill can help point us in the right direction, and I urge my colleagues to cosponsor this legislation.

PROPOSED CUTS TO STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

(Mr. BALDACCI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BALDACCI. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply concerned about the cuts to student financial aid that have been proposed by our Republican colleagues. It would seem that I am not alone in my concerns.

I have received letters from hundreds of Maine college students and their families. Each letter tells a poignant story of what Federal financial aid means to that family.

One student wrote to tell me that he was the first person in his family to go to college. His parents work hard, but the family still struggles to make ends meet. He dreams of finishing his bachelor's degree, perhaps going on to obtain further education, and then securing a well-paying job so that he can support himself and help his parents out.

But without Federal financial aid, he will not be able to even finish his undergraduate studies.

In our zeal to provide tax cuts for the well-off, we must not forget about those who will come next. We must continue to ensure that bright, motivated, hard-working young Americans have the opportunity to better themselves through higher education. We must continue to invest in the future of our Nation by continuing to provide student financial aid.

THE CONSEQUENCES OF BIGGER GOVERNMENT

(Mr. HAYWORTH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, for the last generation the governing principle here in Washington, especially here in the Congress, was always, above all, make government bigger. We now see the consequences of this ridiculous principle, almost \$5 trillion national debt, bloated, inefficient government, failed welfare state, obsessive regulation, and some of the highest taxes in history.

Mr. Speaker, the liberal Democrat leadership claims that we Republicans

misread the message of last November. They claim Americans really do not want a tax cut, they do not want term limits, they really do not want to balance the budget. But, Mr. Speaker, it is the liberal Democrats who have misread the message of last November, because, you see, the Contract With America is not about Republicans, it is about the American people. The American people want an end to the out-of-control growth of a Federal Government, they want safer neighborhoods, they want lower taxes, they want a secure future for their children. That is what our contract is all about.

It is not really all that complicated. The new governing principle in this Nation is not what benefits the Government but what benefits the American people.

THE DEFICIT EXPLOSION ACT

(Mr. DOGGETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, on the path to approve the Deficit Explosion Act last night, otherwise known as the campaign tax cut bill, the Gingrichites hit a roadblock. How they dealt with that roadblock was significant implications for the future of this Congress and this country.

You will recall that on day one a rule was approved here requiring a three-fifths' vote for a tax hike. In all the talk of capital gains tax reduction yesterday, overlooked was the fact that the capital gains taxes were actually raised from 14 percent to 19 percent for many small companies in this country.

How was that dealt with when it came time to apply the three-fifths' vote requirement? It was dodged, it was hedged. Instead they turned to the captive consultants of the Joint Tax Committee, who told us that we did not need a three-fifths vote because the basis for this conclusion relates generally to the fact that this provision would be inoperative as it relates to current law after the enactment of the pending legislation.

Meaningless gobbledegook. If you strike a provision in one place and add another, it is not a tax increase? Well, taxpayer protection bit the dust last night.

CONTRACT WITH AMERICA: WE KEPT OUR PROMISE

(Mr. SAXTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, it is simple; our Contract With America states the following:

On the first day of Congress, a Republican House will require Congress to live under the same laws as everyone else; cut committee staffs by one-third;

and cut the congressional budget. We kept our promise.

It continues that in the first 100 days, we will vote on the following items: A balanced budget amendment—we kept our promise; unfunded mandates legislation—we kept our promise; line-item veto—we kept our promise; a new crime package to stop violent criminals—we kept our promise; national security restoration to protect our freedoms—we kept our promise; Government regulatory reform—we kept our promise; commonsense legal reform to end frivolous lawsuits—we kept our promise; welfare reform to encourage work, not dependence—we kept our promise; congressional term limits to make Congress a citizen legislature—we kept our promise.

And finally, the Contract With America Tax Fairness and Deficit Reduction Act, including tax cuts for middle-income families, and the Senior Citizens' Equity Act to allow our seniors to work without Government penalty—we kept our promise.

This is the Contract With America.

WE SHOULD NOT IGNORE OUR OWN RULES

(Mr. JOHNSTON of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. JOHNSTON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I was very disappointed that we undermined our own rules and procedures to assure the passage of the tax bill. As my colleagues know, and as it was explained just now by the gentleman from Texas [Mr. DOGGETT] there was a substantial increase. In 20 years in the State legislature and in Congress, I have never voted against the ruling of the Chair. In fact earlier this year I supported Speaker GINGRICH in the resolution on Mexico against my own colleague, the gentleman from Mississippi [Mr. TAYLOR]. But in this instance I was forced to vote against the Chair.

While I sincerely compliment the gentleman from California who chaired during this and was very fair-minded throughout, I do fault those Members who advised him from the floor to totally ignore our rules which were only 3 months ago adopted.

Our rules are the glue that hold this body together under the best and most adverse conditions. If we ignore them intentionally, we not only act with intellectual dishonesty but we invite anarchy.

ITEMS CONTAINED IN THE MINORITY LEADER'S MOTION TO RECOMMIT

(Mr. HOKE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HOKE. Mr. Speaker, last night when the minority leader presented his